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HONDURAS.

*Reports from La Ceiba—Fruit port.*LA CEIBA, HONDURAS, *August 20, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended August 18, 1900: Two vessels cleared for the United States, August 14, steamship *Nicaragua* for New Orleans; August 16, steamship *Premier* for New Orleans. The general health at this port and vicinity continues good, aside from an increased number of cases of malarial fever. One death was reported, a male; cause, not known.

Respectfully,

SPENCER FRANKLIN,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*LA CEIBA, HONDURAS, *August 27, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report as follows for the week ended August 25, 1900: Four vessels cleared from this port for the United States. August 19, steamship *Jarl*, for New Orleans; steamship *Alliance*, for New Orleans. August 20, steamship *Joe Otteri*, for New Orleans. August 24, steamship *Iberia*, for New Orleans. The general health at this port and vicinity, aside from increased number of cases of malarial fever, is good. No deaths were reported during the week.

Respectfully,

SPENCER FRANKLIN,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

JAPAN.

*Report from Yokohama—Sanitary conditions satisfactory.*YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *August 18, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that no case of plague has been reported in Japan proper for one month. I am unable to forward statistics of dysentery, the only infectious disease now at all prevalent, but can state that the epidemic of this season is much less extensive than those of the last few years.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MEXICO.

*Report from Vera Cruz—Report of commission on Dr. Belinzaghi's yellow-fever serum.*VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *September 1, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended September 1: From yellow fever there have been 21 cases and 14 deaths; from smallpox there were 2 deaths, but no cases reported. The mortality from all causes was 41. During the week I inspected 7 vessels and issued health certificates to 128 passengers. There has been no sickness in the shipping of any character. The disinfection of baggage is strictly enforced by the local authorities. One passenger succeeded in

getting his baggage aboard of the steamship *Vigilancia* without passing it through the station, but the fact was discovered after the ship sailed, and the quarantine authorities in New York were informed by wire of the occurrence.

The commission appointed by the Mexican Government to witness the application of the serum of Dr. Belinzaghi for the cure of yellow fever has just made its report. Having been present during the treatment of many of the cases treated by Dr. Belinzaghi, and carefully observing the action of the serum, I agree fully with the commission in the opinion that the serum is absolutely inert. The serum does not influence the disease in any way whatever, neither reducing the temperature, diminishing the amount of albumin, or affecting the course of the disease in the least. The mortality among the cases treated with the serum was higher than in those cases who were too sick to treat with the serum, and who were treated with the usual remedies used in the hospitals here. A full report with each case detailed will be forwarded as soon as printed.

Respectfully,

SAML. H. HODGSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PHILIPPINES.

Report from Manila—Plague at Manila and Cebu.

MANILA, P. I., July 25, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to hereby inform you that during the week ended July 21, 1900, there occurred 4 cases of plague in Manila. Three of these were Filipinos and 1 Chinese, none resulting in death. During the same period Asst. Surg. H. A. Stansfield reports 1 case of plague at Cebu. I have sent him a supply of Haffkine prophylactic and a few doses of Yersin plague antitoxin. A fuller report, relative to the situation in Cebu, will be sent as soon as more definite information is received.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MANILA, P. I., July 30, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to hereby report that during the week ended July 28, 1900, there occurred in Manila 2 cases of plague, both Filipinos, 1 resulting in death. The city is still free from smallpox.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

SCOTLAND.

Denial of rumor of plague at Aberdeen.

On September 7, 1900, the United States consul at Aberdeen was requested to report upon rumor of 3 cases of plague on trawler *Heron*, at Aberdeen, and replied September 8, 1900, as follows: "Case trawler *Heron* not plague; letter follows."